

semiconductor film with a gate insulating film interposed therebetween.

44. (New) A method according to claim 41, further comprising a step of forming gate electrode over said substrate before forming said semiconductor film.

45. (New) A method according to claim 41, wherein said semiconductor device having an EL display device.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested. The foregoing amendments are responsive to the October 24, 2000 Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the requested amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the following comments.

Response to the Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,712,191 issued to Nakajima, et

Claim 1. Applicant cancels Claim 1 herein and adds new Claims 2-45.

The present invention is directed toward a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device. The method includes the steps of irradiating the semiconductor film formed on a substrate by scanning with at least one pair of linear infrared lights in a predetermined direction. One of the linear infrared lights is located over the substrate and the other is located at a backside of the substrate. None of the cited art teaches or suggests this method.

In view of the foregoing distinctions, Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 2, 8, 14, 20, 29, 36, and 41 are patentably distinguished over the cited art. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2, 8, 14, 20, 29, 36, and 41 are in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 2, 8, 14, 20, 29, 36, and 41.

Claims 3-7, 9-13, 15-19, 21-28, 30-35, 37-40, and 42-45 depend either directly or indirectly from one of the independent claims. Each dependent claim further defines the independent claim from which it depends. In view of the foregoing remarks regarding Claims 2, 8, 14, 20, 29, 36, and 41, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 3-7, 9-13, 15-19, 21-28, 30-35, 37-40, and 42-45 are in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 3-7, 9-13, 15-19, 21-28, 30-35, 37-40, and 42-45.

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of dependent Claims 3-7, 9-13, 15-19, 21-28, 30-35, 37-40, and 42-45.

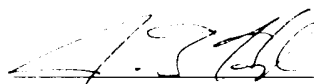
Summary

In view of the above amendments and remarks, all of the claims should be in condition for allowance. A formal notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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